SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
Piasa, Illinois 62079

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 17, 2012

The Southwestern Board of Education met in regular session on April 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Commons Room in Piasa, Illinois. Rodney Bailey-President asked Don Little-Secretary to call roll showing those members present were: Rodney Bailey-President, Steve Reed-Vice President, Don Little-Secretary, Randy Gallaher, Tim Baker, Mike Wegener, Brad Skertich-Superintendent and Rose Bagley-Recording Secretary. Board member Brad Gillespie, was absent. Visitors' sign-in sheet is attached.

A motion was made by Don Little and seconded by Randy Gallaher to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Regular School Board meeting and the Closed Session meeting of March 20, 2012 and the Special Board Meeting and the Closed Session meeting of April 11, 2012.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Reed, Little, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker and Wegener.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Randy Gallaher and seconded by Mike Wegener to approve the March bills and the consent agenda bills as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Little, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener and Reed.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mike Wegener and seconded by Randy Gallaher to approve the imprest bills and the extra pay and substitute pay as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed and Little.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Don Little and seconded by Mike Wegener to approve the financial report as presented as of March 31, 2012 with fund balances in the Education Fund of $2,774,293, Operations and Maintenance Fund of $1,048,671, Transportation Fund of $-115,911 and the Working Cash Fund of $1,371,199.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed, Little and Bailey .
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Skertich reported that there had been an enrollment projection done. The average enrollment projection is 100 per class for the next several years.

Correspondence & Recognition:
The Board received a letter and picture from Jacob Meisner, a Southwestern graduate that is currently the Illinois Association State FFA Secretary. He told about some of the highlights of his trip to China with the State FFA officers.

Committee Reports: None

Superintendent Report:
Employment:
Resignations:
A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Mike Wegener to accept the resignation of Jeff Eldred, High School Golf Coach, effective May 22, 2012.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Baker, Wegner, Reed, Little, Bailey and Gallaher.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Don Little and seconded by Randy Gallaher to accept the resignation of LeRoy Sherwood, Middle School Custodian, effective April 24, 2012.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Wegener, Reed, Little, Bailey, Gallaher and Baker.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Retirement:
A motion was made by Tim Baker and seconded by Randy Gallaher to accept the retirement of Joyce Handling, Van Rider, effective May 31, 2012.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Reed, Little, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker and Wegener.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Employment:
A motion was made by Randy Gallaher and seconded by Mike Wegener to employ Cathy Sellers as Bus Driver.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Little, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener and Reed.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Don Little and seconded by Rodney Bailey to employ Karen McCalla, Lunchroom Worker, March 20 thru May 18, 2012.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed and Little.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Don Little and seconded by Rodney Bailey to employ Ryan Kasting, Temporary Lawnmower, Spring 2012 – Fall 2012.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed, Little and Bailey.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Volunteer – None

Leave of Absence: None

Substitute List: None

Enrollment Report:
A motion was made by Don Little and seconded by Randy Gallaher to approve the district enrollment report as presented by Brad Skertich and attached. As of March 31, 2012, district enrollment is at 1681.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Baker, Wegener, Reed, Little, Bailey, and Gallaher.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Suspension Report:
A motion was made by Randy Gallaher and seconded by Mike Wegener to approve the Suspension Report as presented by Brad Skertich and attached. There were 17 suspensions and 5 expulsions in the month of March.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Wegener, Reed, Little, Bailey, Gallaher and Baker.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

District Highlights:
Christy Willman, Principal at Brighton North and Brighton West Elementary Schools, reported that Brighton West had Family Night. The Macoupin County Health Department and local businesses/agencies had a mini Health Fair for them. The First Grade classes have been hatching chicks in their rooms. At Brighton North, the 3rd graders have been studying the Oregon Trail. The 6th grades have been having the Greek Olympics. Brighton North will have a Book Fair the week of April 23rd with an Arts Night on the 26th. The District Wide 5th and 6th Grade Track Meet will be the first week of May run by P.E. Teacher Blake Dempsey. After the Track meet, the 6th graders will get a tour of the Middle School.

Scott Hopkins, Principal at Southwestern Middle School, congratulated the April PBIS students of the month Nic Ringhausen and Kaeden Kessinger. He also congratulated Middle School Band students Brad Spurling, Blake Beeman and Kaden Kessinger for receiving "Best of the Day" rating at the IESA Solo & Ensemble Contest. Congratulation to those students that participated in the Drama Club production of Super Potato. Mcoupin County Spelling Bee winners are Whitney Runyon and Kimberly Behrends for 7th grade and Blaine Beard and Evan Lowis for the 8th grade. Ryan Pasley, Askely Egelhoff, Erin Laubscher, Malea Bailey and Evan Lowis were SMS students recognized as "Young Achievers". SMS is preparing for the Plan/Explore tests for April 24th and 25th.

Mark Bearly, Principal at Southwestern High School, introduced Greg Beckwith from PDC who was instrumental in the High School getting Science glassware and equipment for the Science Labs. On March 14th, Mr. Grimes' Math classes celebrated Pi Day. Jennifer Borkowski is working on another $25,000 grant from Monsanto. Thanks to all the area farmers that have nominated our high school. Congratulations to Jonathon Montgomery for being placed on the Scholar Bowl All-State team. Only 20 students in the entire state are awarded this. Both boys and girls track teams have won 1st place at every meet this year except one. Jacob Seagrest set the new school triple jump record at 43 feet 5 inches which broke the 1988 record of 42 feet 7 inches. The baseball team played at the Grizzlies Ball Park on April 12th.

Diane Milner, Principal at Medora and Shipman, presented a Power Point presentation made by Shipman staff and students showing the team work they had for the fundraiser at Shipman. The Medora First Grade presented numerous plays in their classrooms.

Public Comment: None

Old Business: None

New Business:
A motion was made by Mike Wegener and seconded by Rodney Bailey to approve Middle School IESA membership renewal for the 2012-2013 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Reed, Little, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker and Wegener.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Tim Baker and seconded by Rodney Bailey to approve the arrangement for possible discussions with neighboring district on the possibility of future cost saving measures.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Little, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener and Reed.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Don Little and seconded by Steve Reed to maintain Jazz Band as an extracurricular activity as opposed to an overload class for the 2012-2013 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Bailey, Wegener, Reed and Little.
Nays: Gallaher and Baker.
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Tim Baker and seconded by Mike Wegener to approve the 2012-2013 school calendar as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed, Little and Bailey.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mike Wegener and seconded by Don Little to authorize to seek request for Proposals for the purchase of General Obligation Bonds not to exceed $8,000,000, for the purpose of refunding the District's outstanding School Bonds, Series 2007 and providing $750,000 for financing health life safety projects.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Baker, Wegener, Reed, Little, Bailey and Gallaher.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mike Wegener and seconded by Steve Reed to approve up to a $300,000 technology loan for hardware upgrades and additions for the 2012-2013 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Wegener, Reed, Little, Bailey, Gallaher and Baker.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Items 10.7, 10.8, 10.9, 10.10 and 10.11 were tabled until after Executive Session.

Closed Session:
At motion was made by Randy Gallaher and seconded by Steve Reed to go into closed session for Coaches Evaluations, Student Hearing and "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity."
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Reed, Little, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker and Wegener.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.
The board went into closed session at 8:19 p.m.

At 10:21 p.m. a motion was made by Randy Gallaher and seconded by Steve Reed to open the meeting to regular session.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Reed, Little, Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher and Baker.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

No action was taken on the job descriptions.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Mike Wegener to approved reemployment of Matt Hasquin, High School Scholastic Bowl Coach, for the 2012-2013 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed and Little.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Don Little and seconded by Rodney Bailey to approve the reemployment of Camille Rinacke, Middle School Scholastic Bowl Coach, for the 2012-2013 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed, Little and Bailey.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Randy Gallaher and seconded by Rodney Bailey to approve the reemployment of Connie Sackman, High School Cheerleading Coach, for the 2012-2013 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Baker, Reed, Little, Bailey and Gallaher.
Nays: Wegener
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Randy Gallaher and seconded by Steve Reed to approve the reemployment of Jennifer Borkowski, High School Assistant Cheerleading Coach, for the 2012-2013 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Wegener, Reed, Little, Bailey, Gallaher and Baker.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Randy Gallaher and seconded by Tim Baker to expel student #000104172012 for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year with the option to complete course work with homebound instruction.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Reed, Little, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker and Wegener.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Don Little and seconded by Mike Wegener to adjourn the meeting.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Little, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener and Reed.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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Rosemary Bagley
Recording Secretary

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Board President

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Board Secretary